**Theme 1: “Phoniness”**

**Holden** constantly encounters people and situations that strike him as “phony,” a word he applies to anything hypocritical, shallow, superficial, inauthentic, or otherwise fake. He sees such “phoniness” everywhere in the adult world, and believes adults are so phony that they can’t even see their own phoniness. And Holden is right. Many of the characters in the novel *are* often phony, and say and do things that keep up appearances rather than reflect what they truly think and feel.

***Identify 3 characters who are “phonies” and use evidence from the book that shows how each is a phony.***

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| Character | He/she is phony because… |
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